India has constructed seven new airports at a cost of Rs. 74.15 crores. In addition airports have been constructed at Lengpui in Mizoram and Tura in Meghalaya by the respective State Governments. Cochin, in Kerala and Puttaparthy in Andhra Pradesh have been constructed by private participation. Government of India has not provided financial allocation for these private airports. Two greenfield airports are under construction at Devanhalli near Bangalore and Shamshabad near Hyderabad. The tentative cost of these airports are around Rs. 1300 crores each. Airports Authority of India have contributed 13% equity in the project with a cap of Rs. 50 crores each.

Panel on Management of Airports

2183. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a high powered panel of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary to deal with all non-financing and non-aviation issues like acquisition of land, access, power supply, security, custom clearnace, visas and passports in connection with management of airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the panel has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted by the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) A proposal for setting up of a National Facilitation Committee under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary is under consideration of the Government. However, the Committee of Secretaries under Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary meet from time to time to address the issues such as immigration etc. and take appropriate decision.

Airports Megaplan

2184. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: